



GSTAAD YACHT CLUB

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Gstaad Yacht Club Centenarian of the Year 2020 – Greta



Greta, 1892 Thames Sailing Barges

Built in 1892 at Brightlingsea, Greta, a fascinating Thames Sailing Barge became the Centenarian of the Year winner of the 2020 Classic Boat Awards edition.

The larger versions of Thames Sailing barges proved to be excellent vessels sailing in river waters and seawaters by delivering goods throughout the ports of England and Europe.

Once served as a commercial cargo barges, Greta was chartered in the World War II by the English Ministry of Supply in order to carry ammunition to naval vessels anchored at the Nore on the Thames estuary. Nowadays, Greta is a charter vessel, exhibiting her extremely versatile sprit sail as a unique and stylish trademark of her own.

The Classic boat Awards is a major well-regarded nautical celebration within the classic boating and sailing industries, already noted in the agendas of sailors, boat owners and sailing aficionados from around the world. This year's award ceremony event was involuntarily postponed due to public health concerns related with the widespread of the new coronavirus. Consequently, the lifetime achievement award, one of the highlights of the evening, was not released and is expected to be announced during the 2020 Awards ceremony, should now be held later this year in a date yet to be announced by the Classic Boat Magazine.

The Gstaad Yacht Club is proud of partnering for the Centenarian of the Year award throughout these past four years.

Greta made it to be the winning yacht out of a shortlist of six centenarian yachts. The GYC's Thanks go to the jury, who selected the yachts, to the general public for voting on their favourite vessels and to Robbe & Berking Silversmiths for their support on the Trophy, to be handed over during the Trophy Ceremony at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.



Centenarian of the Year Award

The Classic Boat Awards winners 2020:

Restoration of the Year (over 40ft)

Heron II, 46ft (14m) built by Woodnutt, restored by boatbuilder John Cuthbertson

Restoration of the Year (under 40ft)

Ariel, 21ft (6.4m) Built by Everson & Sons, restored by Woodbridge Boatyard.

Traditional new build

Blue Mermaid, 86ft (26m) Steel-hulled Thames sailing barge Built by C Toms & Son and Heritage Marine

Spirit of Tradition (over 40ft)

Spirit 50CR, 49ft 1in (15m) Rig Bermudan sloop, designed and built by Spirit Yachts

Spirit of Tradition under 40ft

Libellule, 24ft (7.6m) Gaff-rigged cat sloop, designed and built by Arey's Pond Boat Yard

Powered vessel

Liddesdale, 25ft (7.6m) Lady Nancy Astor electric canoe, restored by Boathouse 4 in Portsmouth.

Classic Boater of the Year

Will and Sarah Stirling

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Editor's Notes

The Gstaad Yacht Club was founded in 1998 by a group of sailor enthusiasts with the vision to "create a unique global yacht club away from the waters, instead of another local club by the waters". Based in the Swiss mountains and in the beginning, very often acknowledged with surprise, the GYC developed to a club with 400 members from over 20 different countries and to a place where members and their guests love to meet.

The GYC supports sailing projects on all levels from juniors to professional sailors and it has become a solid force on the Swiss sailing scene and especially among Olympic sailing and the classic yachts.

The Classic Boat is the magazine for the world's most beautiful boats. Packed with stunning images, we have the inside stories of the great classic yachts and motorboats afloat today, as well as fascinating tales from yesteryear and the latest from the wooden boat building scene around the world.

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